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REVISED GUIDELINES UNDER NRDWP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revised guidelines under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP);

(b) whether the Union Government has recently convened a meeting to review the implementation of these revised guidelines under NRDWP; and

(c) if so, the details of discussions held in the meeting and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a): The Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) has been restructured from 01.04.2009 and has been renamed as National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). The aim of the NRDWP is to provide for drinking water security in rural areas, with a comprehensive approach of the State towards decentralized planning, convergence with related programmes, appropriate technical support for all levels and involvement of the panchayati raj institutions. The maintenance of water supply systems, ensuring of water quality, reliability and convenience of availability to every rural household in equitable manner has been given the priority. It recognizes that the fundamental basis on which drinking water security can be ensured is the decentralized approach through the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. A meeting of State Secretaries in charge of rural water supply was held on 1st July 2009 to review the implementation of revised guidelines of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP).The issues discussed, inter-alia, were the status of re-alignment of existing data and filling of the gaps, setting targets for the current year, preparedness of each state to meet drinking water situation in the ongoing dry months,setting up of the institutions required for implementation of the guidelines, etc. The participating States presented their status on the agenda points.